



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO MOBILIZED TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is a global public health emergency that has upended the lives of so many people, sparing no country, government or population; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated existing vulnerabilities and had an outsized effect on the health, safety, and livelihoods of marginalized communities and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, shelter-in-place orders, quarantines, and other movement restrictions related to COVID-19 disrupted people's safe access to basic services, and especially people's access to food; and

WHEREAS, according to the USDA, rural and farming-dependent counties in the U.S., much like Northern Santa Barbara County, had the extremely high cumulative COVID-19 case rates; and

WHEREAS, migrant and seasonal farm workers, residents of high-density housing, and disabled community members were especially vulnerable to contracting COVID-19 and/or lose their employment and, as a result, become food insecure; and

WHEREAS, local nonprofits and community groups in Santa Barbara County, like Community Health Centers of the Central Coast, Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, HOPE, Promotoras Network-Health Linkages, recognized the need for additional food distribution programs during the COVID-19 crisis and many dedicated community volunteers mobilized to meet increased food needs; and

WHEREAS, these organizations and volunteers not only assisted in providing food access, but also provided personal protective equipment like masks and hand sanitizer to over 17,262 individuals and 6,068 households, created culturally relevant mental wellness information for families, a youth publication to reduce stress caused by the pandemic, health, nutrition, and COVID-19 prevention education; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara recognizes the importance and value of partner agencies, nonprofit organizations, and volunteers who helped so many community members in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors proclaims that the following addendum of organizations and individuals be recognized for their tireless and heroic efforts to serve the most vulnerable community members during the COVID-19 health emergency so no community member went hungry.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 17th day of August 2021 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Supervisor - 4th District

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Addendum of community members and organizations that mobilized to serve the most vulnerable during the COVID-19 public health emergency:

Community Health Centers of the Central Coast
Foodbank of Santa Barbara County
Santa Barbara County Promotores Network-Health Linkages
Noemi Velasquez, Community Health Centers of the Central Coast
Humberto Santamaria *Sergeant United States Army*
Mark Aguirre *Senior Airman United States Airforce*
Melquisedec Ramirez
Maura Cano
Reina Mendoza
Jan Baumgartner
Seven Anda
MariAnne Cooper
Bill Cooper
Geraldine Valdiviezo
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Ana G. Santos
Ana Rueda Cortes
Fernando Solano
Conrado Perez
Columba Solano
Martha Jimenez
Guadalupe Perez
Guadalupe Velazquez
Araceli Hernandez
Jasmin Velasquez
Magdalena Jackson
Mario Jackson
Olivia Gonzales
Omar Hernandez
Bryan Bandilla
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Cynthia Gonzalez
Leticia Garcia
Maria Rios
Beatriz Angeles
Hilda Rodriguez
Patricia Jacobo
Genesis Gutierrez
Manuel Ramirez
Maribel Landeros
Benny Valdiviezo
Marcela Santiago-Cruz
Guillermo Gutierrez
Nancy Cadena
Lisa Casillas-Siensen
Jareli Jimenez
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Juliana Neel, H.O.P.E. (House of Pride and Equality)
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